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## Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of State Police
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	19 VAC 30-40
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	Standards and Specifications for the Stickers or Decals Used by Counties, Cities, and Towns in Lieu of License Plates
<b>Action Title:</b>	Amendment relating to the placement of stickers used by counties, cities, and towns in lieu of license plates
<b>Date:</b>	02/14/01

Please refer to the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:9.1 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*), Executive Order Twenty-Five (98), Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) , and the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual* for more information and other materials required to be submitted in the final regulatory action package.

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of the new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment; instead give a summary of the regulatory action. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation. Do not restate the regulation or the purpose and intent of the regulation in the summary. Rather, alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes contained in the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. Please briefly and generally summarize any substantive changes made since the proposed action was published.*

The proposed amendment to 19 VAC 30-40 relates to the placement of stickers used by counties, cities, and towns in lieu of license plates and is necessary to conform to instructions given to the Department of State Police by the Senate Transportation Committee, as well as requests received from various localities to change the location stickers are allowed to be placed. There have been no substantive changes to this proposed amendment since the proposed action was published.

**Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency: including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.*

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The final action taken by the Department of State Police was completion of the Proposed Regulation stage. The Proposed Regulation was printed in the Virginia Register, Volume 17, Issue 4, on November 6, 2000. No public comments were received. The current action is the Final Regulation stage for this amendment. The title of the regulation is **Standards and Specifications for the Stickers or Decals Used by Counties, Cities, and Towns in Lieu of License Plates.**

**Basis**

*Please identify the state and/or federal source of legal authority to promulgate the regulation. The discussion of this statutory authority should: 1) describe its scope and the extent to which it is mandatory or discretionary; and 2) include a brief statement relating the content of the statutory authority to the specific regulation. In addition, where applicable, please describe the extent to which proposed changes exceed federal minimum requirements. Full citations of legal authority and, if available, web site addresses for locating the text of the cited authority, shall be provided. If the final text differs from that of the proposed, please state that the Office of the Attorney General has certified that the agency has the statutory authority to promulgate the final regulation and that it comports with applicable state and/or federal law.*

The Department of State Police has legal authority under §46.2-1065 of the *Code of Virginia* to promulgate the amended revision of the Virginia Administrative Code. A letter from the Office of the Attorney General (attached) cites the authority for this revision.

**Purpose**

*Please provide a statement explaining the need for the new or amended regulation. This statement must include the rationale or justification of the final regulatory action and detail the specific reasons it is essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. A statement of a general nature is not acceptable, particular rationales must be explicitly discussed. Please include a discussion of the goals of the proposal and the problems the proposal is intended to solve.*

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This proposed amendment relates to the placement of stickers used by counties, cities, and towns in lieu of license plates. The statutory responsibility for establishing authorized locations to place the stickers rests with the Superintendent of the Department of State Police. The agency has done an extensive review of placement of window stickers, having contacted numerous jurisdictions and receiving input from the Virginia Municipal League, the Treasurer’s Association of Virginia, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Virginia Sheriff’s Association. In all instances, the agency has determined that the revision to the regulation will allow the efficient and economical performance of important

government functions.

**Substance**

*Please identify and explain the new substantive provisions, the substantive changes to existing sections, or both where appropriate. Please note that a more detailed discussion is required under the statement of the regulatory action's detail.*

This amendment relates to the placement of stickers used by counties, cities, and towns in lieu of license plates and is necessary to conform with recent changes to state legislation. This final amendment permits the optional placement of a sticker or decal to be affixed to the extreme lower left side of the windshield on a motor vehicle.

**Issues**

*Please provide a statement identifying the issues associated with the final regulatory action. The term "issues" means: 1) the advantages and disadvantages to the public of implementing the new provisions; 2) the advantages and disadvantages to the agency or the Commonwealth; and 3) other pertinent matters of interest to the regulated community, government officials, and the public. If there are no disadvantages to the public or the Commonwealth, please include a sentence to that effect.*

The agency has contacted the affected associations and organizations concerning this revision. In all instances, the associations and organizations have determined that this final revision is the least obtrusive alternative for achieving the purpose of this regulation. There are no disadvantages to the public or the Commonwealth.

**Statement of Changes Made Since the Proposed Stage**

*Please highlight any changes, other than strictly editorial changes, made to the text of the proposed regulation since its publication.*

No changes have been made since the Proposed Stage.

**Public Comment**

*Please summarize all public comment received during the public comment period and provide the agency response. If no public comment was received, please include a statement indicating that fact.*

There were no public comments received during the comment period.

**Detail of Changes**

*Please detail any changes, other than strictly editorial changes, that are being proposed. Please detail new substantive provisions, all substantive changes to existing sections, or both where appropriate. This statement should provide a section-by-section description - or crosswalk - of changes implemented by the proposed regulatory action. Include citations to the specific sections of an existing regulation being amended and explain the consequences of the changes.*

All changes are contained in 19 VAC 40-30 and are detailed as follows:

1. Change in requirement that sticker or decal shall be placed on the windshield to stating sticker or decal shall be placed at the bottom of the windshield.
2. Language removed that restricted the top edge of the sticker or decal from extending upwards more than three inches from the bottom of the windshield.
3. Language changed requiring sticker or decal which may be affixed at the upper edge of the center, to be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield.
4. New language setting forth requirements of optional placement of sticker or decal to extreme left side of windshield.

**Family Impact Statement**

*Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

The proposed regulatory action will have no potential impact on the institution of the family or family stability.